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MOSES member Mark Bontempo (left), an employee of the Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM) and Joe Dorant (center), president of the Mass. Organization of State Engineers & Scientists, greet Gov. Deval Patrick at the recent Worcester Recovery Center & Hospital ribbon cutting.



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MOSES member Mark Bontempo, an employee of the Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM), is a busy project engineer. He was instrumental in completing DCAM's largest project to date, the \$302 million Worcester Recovery Center & Hospital (WRCH). The 320-bed recovery center and hospital is the first new psychiatric facility built in the Commonwealth in more than 100 years. He explains, "The attention to detail on this project, be it green initiatives, patient and family considerations or open spaces, is staggering. I am proud to be a part of such an amazing team of professionals who helped make this amazing facility a reality."

The WRCH is a historic project for DCAM, the Department of Mental Health and the Commonwealth at large. Commissioner of DCAM Carole Cornelison notes, "The DCAM team worked tirelessly to bring this project online. The development process of this facility has always been focused on building a world-class resource for the Commonwealth that incorporates advanced design and energy efficiency measures and ensures best practices in maintenance and management, while at the same time providing a high-quality, recovery-oriented, safe and respectful environment for patients, staff and families."

WRCH offers a state-of-the-art innovative design that maximizes the effectiveness of clinical and rehabilitation staff, allowing the facility to operate at an optimum ratio of staff to patients. The building's plan will reflect the stages of recovery by using familiar environments, offering settings similar to "home," "neighborhood" and "downtown." A secure facility, outdoor courts relate to each living unit, and the "downtown" surrounds a central "village green" shared by all. The design also achieves quality energy efficiencies in water, lighting and utility usage to name a few and is on its way to being LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified.

Joe Dorant, president of MOSES, shares, "DCAM is an often unsung but hugely important part of the soul that makes Massachusetts so great. It is the state agency that is responsible for major public building construction and real estate services. Its scope of work is staggering and includes everything from planning, design, construction and capital repairs & improvements to asset management, contractor certification & compliance, leasing, acquisition & disposition, as well as maintenance."

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Mark Bontempo



Worc. Recovery Center & Hospital "village green."

provide many important and unique uses, from residential settings for individuals with disabilities to office space for over 80,000 employees. The Commonwealth spends over \$1 billion dollars on an annual basis for facilities maintenance and operations.

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